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SUBJECT: STAFFING OF SECRET SERVICE REGIONAL OFFICE IN
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REF: STATE 09588 (MAY 9), PARIS 12469 (MAY 22)

1. TREASURY DEPARTMENT LAST SPRING REQUESTED AND WAS
GRANTED AUTHORITY TO ADD TWO AMERICAN SPECIAL AGENTS AND
ONE FOREIGN NATIONAL TO PARIS REGIONAL OFFICE OF SECRET
SERVICE.

2. SECRET SERVICE HAS NOW INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF PREFER-
ENCE TO EMPLOY A RESIDENT AMERICAN VICE THE FOREIGN NATIONAL.
REPRESENTATIVES HAVE INTERVIEWED MS JOAN DECHANTAL BURNS FOR
OVERSEAS LIMITED APPOINTMENT AS GS 6 AND WANT HER TO EOD
OCTOBER 29. SHE ALREADY HAS TOP SECRET CLEARANCE ACCEPTABLE
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TO SECRET SERVICE. EMPLOYMENT INVOLVES ARRANGEMENTS TO

COVER HOUSING AND COST OF LIVING DIFFERENTIAL. JOB REQUIREMENTS EVIDENTLY UNDERLIE CHANGE.

3. SHIFT OF ONE POSITION FROM FN TO US WOULD NORMALLY OCCASION LITTLE COMMENT. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION BILL NOW AWAITING PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE CONTAINS A SENSE OF CONGRESS PROVISION THAT OVERSEAS AMERICAN STAFFS

OF CERTAIN CIVILIAN AGENCIES (INCLUDING TREASURY AND 19 OTHERS) SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED FROM JANUARY 1, 1974 LEVELS. PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING THAT PROVISION CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY HERE. CONSEQUENTLY WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT WHETHER SUBSTITUTION OF AMERICAN POSITION FOR FOREIGN NATIONAL IN SECRET SERVICE REGIONAL OFFICE IS ESSENTIAL OR APPROPRIATE. INGERSOLL

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